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**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RICHLAND COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Lexington Local School District
Richland County
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To the Board of Education:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lexington Local School District, Richland County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the cash accounting basis Note 2 describes. This responsibility includes determining that the cash accounting basis is acceptable for the circumstances. Management is also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lexington Local School District, Richland County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in cash financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting basis described in Note 2.

Accounting Basis

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03 (B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis applied to these statements. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Matters

Supplemental Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the financial statements taken as a whole.

The Schedule of Federal Award Receipts and Expenditures presents additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations and is also not a required part of the financial statements.

The schedule is management's responsibility, and derives from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Information

We applied no procedures to Management's Discussion & Analysis or to the schedules of net pension liabilities and pension contributions as listed in the table of contents. Accordingly, we express no opinion or any other assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 16, 2016, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 16, 2016

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**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
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The management's discussion and analysis of the Lexington Local School District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2015, within the limitations of the District's cash basis of accounting. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the cash basis basic financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2015 are as follows:

- The total net cash position of the District increased \$2,105,562 or 36.35% from fiscal year 2014.
- General cash receipts accounted for \$22,641,837 or 87.42% of total governmental activities cash receipts. Program specific cash receipts accounted for \$3,259,293 or 12.58% of total governmental activities cash receipts.
- The District had \$23,795,568 in cash disbursements related to governmental activities; \$3,259,293 of these cash disbursements were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General cash receipts (primarily taxes) and entitlements not restricted of \$22,641,837 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's major fund is the general fund. The general fund had cash receipts and other financing sources of \$23,388,632 in 2015. The cash disbursements and other financing uses of the general fund, totaled \$20,649,915 in 2015. The general fund's cash balance increased \$2,738,717 from a balance of \$4,401,154 to \$7,139,871.

Using this Cash Basis Basic Financial Statements (BFS)

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the District's cash basis of accounting.

The statement of net position - cash basis and statement of activities - cash basis provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting an aggregate view of the District's cash basis finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the District's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the District, the general fund is the most significant fund, and the only governmental fund reported as a major fund.

Reporting the District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis answer the question, "How did we do financially during 2015?" These statements include *only net position* using the *cash basis of accounting*, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This basis of accounting takes into account only the current year's receipts and disbursements if the cash is actually received or paid.

These two statements report the District's net cash position and changes in that position on a cash basis. This change in net cash position is important because it tells the reader that, for the District as a whole, the cash basis financial position of the District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the District's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, mandated federal and state programs and other factors.

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As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not collected) and liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

In the statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis, the governmental activities include the District's programs and services including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities, and food service operations.

The statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis can be found on pages 15-16 of this report.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's only major governmental fund is the general fund. The analysis of the District's major governmental funds begins on page 11.

Governmental Funds

Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The governmental fund statements provide a detailed view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer cash basis financial resources that can be readily spent to finance various District programs. Since the District is reporting on the cash basis of accounting, the only difference between the net position and fund cash balances or changes in net position and changes in fund cash balances results from the consolidation of the internal service fund with governmental activities on the government-wide financial statements. Cash governmental fund statements can be found on pages 17-21 of this report.

Proprietary Funds

The District maintains a proprietary fund. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the District's various functions. The District's internal service fund accounts for health and dental self-insurance. The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 22-23 of this report.

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Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's own programs. The District's only fiduciary funds are a private-purpose trust fund and an agency fund. The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 24-25 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 27-52 of this report.

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District's net pension liability. The required supplementary information can be found on pages 53 through 57 of this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Recall that the statement of net position - cash basis provides the perspective of the District as a whole.

The table below provides a summary of the District's net cash position at June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014.

	Net Cash Position	
	Governmental Activities <u>2015</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2014</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,898,670	\$ 5,793,108
Total assets	<u>7,898,670</u>	<u>5,793,108</u>
<u>Net Cash Position</u>		
Restricted	146,832	200,283
Unrestricted	<u>7,751,838</u>	<u>5,592,825</u>
Total net cash position	<u>\$ 7,898,670</u>	<u>\$ 5,793,108</u>

The total net cash position of the District increased \$2,105,562 which represents a 36.35% increase from fiscal year 2014. The change in net cash position for fiscal year 2015 was an increase of \$2,105,562 compared to an increase of \$2,164,243 in fiscal year 2014.

A portion of the District's net cash position, \$146,832, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The balance of unrestricted net position of \$7,751,838 may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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The table below shows the changes in net cash position for fiscal year 2015 and 2014:

	Change in Net Position	
	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash Receipts:		
Program cash receipts:		
Charges for services	\$ 971,994	\$ 998,526
Operating grants and contributions	<u>2,287,299</u>	<u>1,948,457</u>
Total program cash receipts	<u>3,259,293</u>	<u>2,946,983</u>
General cash receipts:		
Property and other taxes	11,700,255	11,552,206
Unrestricted grants and entitlements	10,863,023	10,401,811
Investment earnings	11,740	8,334
Other	<u>66,819</u>	<u>71,013</u>
Total general cash receipts	<u>22,641,837</u>	<u>22,033,364</u>
Total cash receipts	<u>25,901,130</u>	<u>24,980,347</u>

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	Change in Net Position (Continued)	
	Governmental Activities <u>2015</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2014</u>
Cash Disbursements:		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 10,792,891	\$ 10,265,242
Special	3,508,739	3,417,429
Other	49,270	29,633
Support services:		
Pupil	1,094,336	1,123,348
Instructional staff	793,218	752,357
Board of education	118,528	97,793
Administration	1,704,120	1,663,812
Fiscal	523,781	493,291
Business	6,224	6,227
Operations and maintenance	2,113,729	1,759,904
Pupil transportation	1,233,883	1,245,871
Central	12,853	6,376
Operation of non instructional services:		
Other non-instructional services	54,356	7,614
Food service operations	761,670	915,702
Extracurricular	1,013,057	957,519
Facilities acquisition and construction	14,181	73,986
Debt service:		
Principal retirement	592	-
Interest and fiscal charges	140	-
Total cash disbursements	<u>23,795,568</u>	<u>22,816,104</u>
Change in net cash assets	2,105,562	2,164,243
Net cash position at beginning of year	<u>5,793,108</u>	<u>3,628,865</u>
Net cash position at end of year	<u><u>\$ 7,898,670</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,793,108</u></u>

Governmental Activities

Governmental assets increased by \$2,105,562 in fiscal year 2015 from fiscal year 2014. Total governmental disbursements of \$23,795,568 were offset by program receipts of \$3,259,293 and general receipts of \$22,641,837. Program receipts supported 13.70% of the total governmental disbursements.

General cash receipts increased \$608,473 and program specific receipts in the form of operating grants and contributions increased \$338,842 in fiscal year 2015.

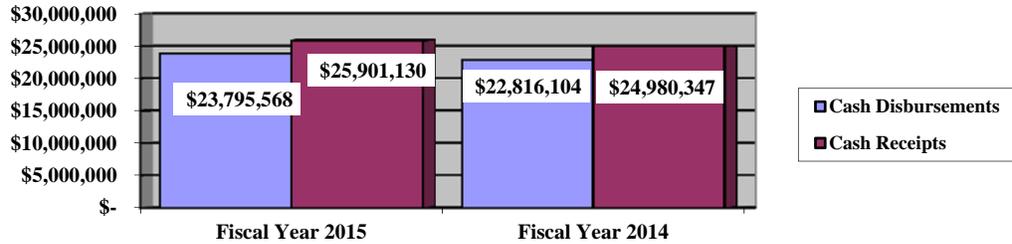
The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from property taxes, and grants and entitlements. These receipt sources represent 87.11% of total governmental receipts. Real estate property is reappraised every six years.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities cash receipts and cash disbursements for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

Governmental Activities - Total Cash Receipts vs. Total Cash Disbursements



As can be seen above, cash receipts were sufficient to cover cash disbursements in fiscal year 2015.

The statement of activities - cash basis shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by unrestricted State grants and entitlements.

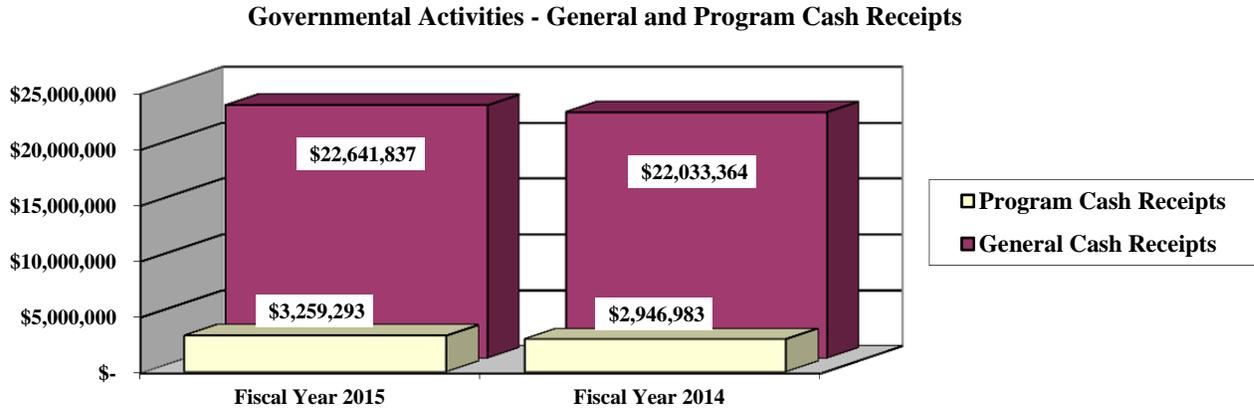
	Governmental Activities			
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash disbursements:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 10,792,891	\$ 10,410,849	\$ 10,265,242	\$ 9,991,402
Special	3,508,739	1,974,276	3,417,429	2,033,952
Other	49,270	49,270	29,633	29,633
Support services:				
Pupil	1,094,336	947,191	1,123,348	976,225
Instructional staff	793,218	793,054	752,357	749,882
Board of education	118,528	118,528	97,793	97,793
Administration	1,704,120	1,570,241	1,663,812	1,611,996
Fiscal	523,781	523,781	493,291	493,291
Business	6,224	6,224	6,227	6,227
Operations and maintenance	2,113,729	2,112,797	1,759,904	1,756,941
Pupil transportation	1,233,883	1,164,949	1,245,871	1,175,416
Central	12,853	3,853	6,376	6,376
Operation of non instructional services:				
Other non-instructional services	54,356	54,356	7,614	614
Food service operations	761,670	19,028	915,702	115,769
Extracurricular	1,013,057	772,965	957,519	749,618
Facilities acquisition and construction	14,181	14,181	73,986	73,986
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	592	592	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	140	140	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 23,795,568</u>	<u>\$ 20,536,275</u>	<u>\$ 22,816,104</u>	<u>\$ 19,869,121</u>

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The dependence upon general cash receipts for governmental activities is apparent; with 86.30% of cash disbursements supported through taxes and other general cash receipts during 2015.

The graph below presents the District's governmental activities cash receipts for fiscal years 2015 and 2014.



Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The District's governmental funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting.

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$7,286,703, which is a higher balance than last year's total balance of \$4,601,437. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014, for all major and nonmajor governmental funds.

	Fund Balance June 30, 2015	Fund Balance June 30, 2014	Change
Major fund:			
General	\$ 7,139,871	\$ 4,401,154	\$ 2,738,717
Other nonmajor governmental funds	<u>146,832</u>	<u>200,283</u>	<u>(53,451)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,286,703</u>	<u>\$ 4,601,437</u>	<u>\$ 2,685,266</u>

General Fund

The general fund, the District's largest major fund, had cash receipts and other financing sources of \$23,388,632 in 2015. The cash disbursements and other financing uses of the general fund, totaled \$20,649,915 in 2015. The general fund's fund balance increased \$2,738,717 from 2014 to 2015. The increase in fund balance can be attributed to an increase in revenues received from the state.

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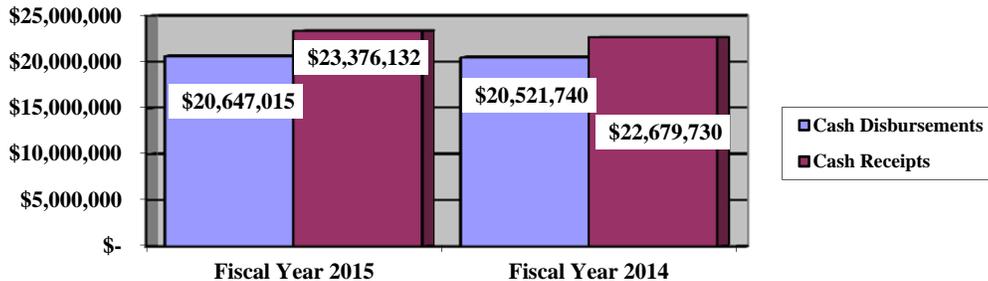
The table below assists in illustrating the cash receipts of the general fund.

	<u>2015 Amount</u>	<u>2014 Amount</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
<u>Cash Receipts:</u>			
Taxes	\$ 11,109,308	\$ 10,971,066	1.26 %
Tuition	183,399	178,918	2.50 %
Earnings on investments	10,360	6,615	56.61 %
Other local revenues	294,534	213,150	38.18 %
Intergovernmental - State	<u>11,778,531</u>	<u>11,309,983</u>	4.14 %
Total	<u>\$ 23,376,132</u>	<u>\$ 22,679,732</u>	3.07 %

The table that follows assists in illustrating the cash disbursements of the general fund.

	<u>2015 Amount</u>	<u>2014 Amount</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
<u>Cash Disbursements</u>			
Instruction	\$ 13,081,967	\$ 13,056,328	0.20 %
Support services	6,825,957	6,795,461	0.45 %
Operation of non-instruction	1,159	666	74.02 %
Extracurricular	723,019	659,362	9.65 %
Facilities acquisition and construction	14,181	9,923	42.91 %
Debt service	<u>732</u>	<u>-</u>	- %
Total	<u>\$ 20,647,015</u>	<u>\$ 20,521,740</u>	0.61 %

General Fund - Total Cash Receipts vs. Total Cash Disbursements



Budgeting Highlights - General Fund

The District's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund.

During the course of fiscal year 2015, the District amended its general fund budget numerous times. For the general fund, original and final budgeted receipts and other financing sources were \$22,373,945. The actual receipts and other financing sources were \$23,322,656 for fiscal year 2015, which was \$948,711 more than the final budget receipts.

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General fund original and final appropriations were \$21,678,468. The actual budget basis disbursements and other financing uses for fiscal year 2015 totaled \$20,702,440, which was \$976,028 less than the final budget appropriations. The decrease is due primarily to the decrease in actual disbursements related to instruction and support services.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The District does not record capital assets in the accompanying cash basis basic financial statements, but records payments for capital assets as disbursements.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2015, the District had \$2,321 in long-term obligations outstanding; of this amount, \$622 is due within one year. A summary of the District's long-term obligations outstanding at June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>Governmental Activities 2015</u>	<u>Governmental Activities 2014</u>
MT Copier Lease	\$ 2,321	\$ -
Total long-term obligations	<u>\$ 2,321</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

For further information regarding the District's long-term obligations, refer to Note 7 and 8 to the basic financial statements

Current Financial Related Activities

Dating back to the end of fiscal year 2011, the District's general fund was in an unstable financial position; however, the voters passed a new 5-year emergency operating levy in November 2011. The District began receiving revenues from that levy in March 2012. The receipts from that levy, coupled with spending reductions, allowed the District to have a balanced general fund budget in fiscal year 2013 and continuing into fiscal year 2015. In May of 2014, the citizens of the District passed a renewal 10-year emergency operating levy with 72% support, once again demonstrating the community's strong support of the District and the students served.

Revenues from State foundation remain steady but are not providing any significant increases to assist with increasing expenditures. The District is fortunate to have a continuing permanent improvement levy which provides necessary resources to keep the facilities, school buses, technology, textbooks and instructional equipment updated for students.

State and federal funding play a key role in the operation of the District. Due to the population of special needs students, the District receives a significant amount of IDEA funding. Other receipts from the federal government in the way of grants is relatively nominal, but nevertheless helpful in providing innovative programs, reading initiatives, technology updates and professional development for staff.

Student enrollment has remained fairly steady, with only slight decreases over the years. The District is in a primarily residential community and the schools are widely considered to be among the best in north central Ohio, routinely earning excellent status on the State Report Card. The District's cost per pupil is among the lowest for area schools and the District takes great pride in the quality of education it provides.

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In conclusion, the District has committed itself to fiscal responsibility and takes special care to ensure that money is spent on items and services that are most crucial to the long-term success of the District and, more importantly, the children that it serves.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Jason Whitesel, Treasurer of Lexington Local School District, 103 Clever Lane, Lexington, Ohio 44904.

**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2015**

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents. . .	\$ 7,898,670
Total assets.	7,898,670
 Net cash position:	
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	123,638
Debt service.	1,926
State funded programs.	635
Federally funded programs	10,519
Student activities	6,407
Other purposes	3,707
Unrestricted	7,751,838
Total net cash position.	\$ 7,898,670

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	Cash Disbursements	Program Cash Receipts		Net (Cash Disbursements) Cash Receipts and Changes Net Cash Position
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 10,792,891	\$ 220,088	\$ 161,954	\$ (10,410,849)
Special	3,508,739	47,930	1,486,533	(1,974,276)
Other	49,270	-	-	(49,270)
Support services:				
Pupil	1,094,336	-	147,145	(947,191)
Instructional staff	793,218	-	164	(793,054)
Board of education	118,528	-	-	(118,528)
Administration	1,704,120	38,616	95,263	(1,570,241)
Fiscal	523,781	-	-	(523,781)
Business	6,224	-	-	(6,224)
Operations and maintenance	2,113,729	932	-	(2,112,797)
Pupil transportation	1,233,883	-	68,934	(1,164,949)
Central	12,853	-	9,000	(3,853)
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Other non-instructional services	54,356	-	-	(54,356)
Food service operations	761,670	438,959	303,683	(19,028)
Extracurricular activities	1,013,057	225,469	14,623	(772,965)
Facilities acquisition and construction	14,181	-	-	(14,181)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	592	-	-	(592)
Interest and fiscal charges	140	-	-	(140)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 23,795,568</u>	<u>\$ 971,994</u>	<u>\$ 2,287,299</u>	<u>(20,536,275)</u>
General receipts:				
Property taxes levied for:				
General purposes				11,109,308
Capital outlay				590,947
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs				10,863,023
Investment earnings				11,740
Miscellaneous				66,819
Total general receipts				<u>22,641,837</u>
Change in net cash position				2,105,562
Net cash position at beginning of year				<u>5,793,108</u>
Net cash position at end of year				<u>\$ 7,898,670</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2015**

	General	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents.	\$ 7,139,871	\$ 146,832	\$ 7,286,703
Total assets	\$ 7,139,871	\$ 146,832	\$ 7,286,703
Fund cash balances:			
Restricted:			
Debt service	\$ -	\$ 1,926	\$ 1,926
Capital improvements	-	123,638	123,638
Food service operations	-	3,707	3,707
Special education	-	1,928	1,928
Targeted academic assistance	-	8,591	8,591
Other purposes.	-	635	635
Extracurricular	-	6,407	6,407
Assigned:			
Student instruction	53,684	-	53,684
Student and staff support.	92,436	-	92,436
Extracurricular activities	4,368	-	4,368
Facilities acquisition and construction	950	-	950
Unassigned	6,988,433	-	6,988,433
Total fund cash balances	\$ 7,139,871	\$ 146,832	\$ 7,286,703

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND CASH BALANCES TO
NET POSITION - CASH BASIS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2015**

Total governmental fund balances	\$ 7,286,703
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Amounts reported for governmental activities on the statement of net position - cash basis are different because:

An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities on the statement of net position - cash basis.

611,967

Net position - cash basis of governmental activities

\$ 7,898,670

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**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RICHLAND COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Cash receipts:			
From local sources:			
Property taxes	\$ 11,109,308	\$ 590,947	\$ 11,700,255
Tuition.	183,399	-	183,399
Earnings on investments	10,360	3	10,363
Charges for services	-	438,959	438,959
Extracurricular.	46,401	225,219	271,620
Classroom materials and fees	76,834	-	76,834
Rental income	932	250	1,182
Contributions and donations	76,945	-	76,945
Other local revenues	93,422	19,919	113,341
Intergovernmental - state	11,745,117	126,481	11,871,598
Intergovernmental - federal	33,414	1,121,840	1,155,254
Total cash receipts	<u>23,376,132</u>	<u>2,523,618</u>	<u>25,899,750</u>
Cash disbursements:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular.	10,144,210	372,610	10,516,820
Special	2,889,838	498,763	3,388,601
Other	47,919	-	47,919
Support services:			
Pupil	936,020	143,849	1,079,869
Instructional staff	771,298	2,985	774,283
Board of education	118,528	-	118,528
Administration	1,573,766	80,213	1,653,979
Fiscal	502,778	15,102	517,880
Business.	6,224	-	6,224
Operations and maintenance	1,806,830	263,811	2,070,641
Pupil transportation	1,106,660	104,024	1,210,684
Central	3,853	9,000	12,853
Operation of non-instructional services:			
Other operation of non-instructional.	1,159	53,197	54,356
Food service operations.	-	739,778	739,778
Extracurricular activities	723,019	284,137	1,007,156
Facilities acquisition and construction.	14,181	-	14,181
Debt service:			
Principal retirement.	592	-	592
Interest and fiscal charges	140	-	140
Total cash disbursements.	<u>20,647,015</u>	<u>2,567,469</u>	<u>23,214,484</u>
Excess (deficiency) of cash receipts over (under) cash disbursements	<u>2,729,117</u>	<u>(43,851)</u>	<u>2,685,266</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Advances in	12,500	2,900	15,400
Advances (out)	<u>(2,900)</u>	<u>(12,500)</u>	<u>(15,400)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>9,600</u>	<u>(9,600)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund cash balances	2,738,717	(53,451)	2,685,266
Fund cash balances at beginning of year. . .	<u>4,401,154</u>	<u>200,283</u>	<u>4,601,437</u>
Fund cash balances at end of year.	<u>\$ 7,139,871</u>	<u>\$ 146,832</u>	<u>\$ 7,286,703</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - CASH BASIS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

Net change in fund balances - cash basis - total governmental funds \$ 2,685,266

*Amounts reported for governmental activities in the
statement of activities are different because:*

An internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds is not reported in the district-wide statement of activities - cash basis. Governmental fund disbursements and the related internal service fund receipts are eliminated. The total change in net position of the internal service fund is allocated among the governmental activities.

(579,704)

Change in net cash position of governmental activities

\$ 2,105,562

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Budgetary basis receipts:				
From local sources:				
Property taxes	\$ 10,787,041	\$ 10,990,050	\$ 11,109,308	\$ 119,258
Tuition	175,917	178,918	183,399	4,481
Earnings on investments	6,504	6,615	10,360	3,745
Classroom materials and fees	75,921	77,216	76,834	(382)
Rental income	2,913	2,963	932	(2,031)
Other local revenues	66,838	13,619	60,094	46,475
Intergovernmental - state	11,083,148	11,009,869	11,745,117	735,248
Total budgetary basis receipts.	<u>22,198,282</u>	<u>22,279,250</u>	<u>23,186,044</u>	<u>906,794</u>
Budgetary basis disbursements:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	10,332,925	10,161,020	10,086,492	74,528
Special.	3,251,980	3,257,030	2,979,466	277,564
Other.	50,989	51,150	48,057	3,093
Support services:				
Pupil.	1,024,028	1,005,203	946,932	58,271
Instructional staff	765,016	816,202	790,476	25,726
Board of education	141,975	159,494	125,343	34,151
Administration.	1,634,214	1,631,280	1,531,611	99,669
Fiscal	557,125	553,741	503,216	50,525
Business	7,410	7,383	6,224	1,159
Operations and maintenance.	1,896,039	1,979,297	1,819,621	159,676
Pupil transportation	1,242,721	1,235,597	1,112,811	122,786
Central.	7,443	8,065	3,853	4,212
Other operation of non-instructional services	1,719	1,713	1,159	554
Extracurricular activities.	753,966	792,731	729,148	63,583
Facilities acquisition and construction	10,918	15,662	15,131	531
Total budgetary basis disbursements	<u>21,678,468</u>	<u>21,675,568</u>	<u>20,699,540</u>	<u>976,028</u>
Excess of budgetary basis receipts over budgetary basis disbursements	<u>519,814</u>	<u>603,682</u>	<u>2,486,504</u>	<u>1,882,822</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Refund of prior year's expenditures	115,054	90,000	117,387	27,387
Advances in.	55,993	-	12,500	12,500
Advances (out)	-	(2,900)	(2,900)	-
Sale of capital assets	4,616	4,695	6,725	2,030
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>175,663</u>	<u>91,795</u>	<u>133,712</u>	<u>41,917</u>
Net change in fund cash balance	695,477	695,477	2,620,216	1,924,739
Fund cash balance at beginning of year	4,160,021	4,160,021	4,160,021	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	196,102	196,102	196,102	-
Fund cash balance at end of year	<u>\$ 5,051,600</u>	<u>\$ 5,051,600</u>	<u>\$ 6,976,339</u>	<u>\$ 1,924,739</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RICHLAND COUNTY

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
PROPRIETARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2015

	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 611,967
Total assets.	<u>611,967</u>
Net cash position:	
Unrestricted.	<u>611,967</u>
Total net cash position.	<u>\$ 611,967</u>

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**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGE IN
NET POSITION - CASH BASIS - PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Operating cash receipts:	
Sales/charges for services	\$ 3,420,606
Total operating cash receipts	3,420,606
Operating cash disbursements:	
Purchased services	524,739
Claims	3,476,951
Total operating cash disbursements	4,001,690
Operating loss	(581,084)
Nonoperating cash receipts:	
Interest receipts	1,380
Total nonoperating cash receipts	1,380
Change in net position	(579,704)
Net cash position at beginning of year	1,191,671
Net cash position at end of year	\$ 611,967

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015**

	Private-Purpose Trust	
	Scholarship	Agency
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,536	\$ 67,777
Total assets.	\$ 15,536	\$ 67,777
 Net cash position:		
Held in trust for scholarships	\$ 15,536	\$ -
Held for student activities	-	67,777
Total net cash position.	\$ 15,536	\$ 67,777

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
FIDUCIARY FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	Private-Purpose Trust
	Scholarship
Additions:	
Interest.	\$ 21
Gifts and contributions.	600
Total additions.	621
 Deductions:	
Scholarships awarded	500
Change in net cash position.	121
Net cash position at beginning of year. . .	15,415
Net cash position at end of year	\$ 15,536

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**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RICHLAND COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Lexington Local School District (the "District") is a local school district as defined by Section 3311.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District operates under an elected five-member Board of Education and is responsible for providing public education to the residents of the District.

The District was established in the early 1900's through the consolidation of existing land areas and school districts. The District serves an area of approximately 66 square miles. It is located in Richland and Morrow Counties, and includes the Village of Lexington, portions of the City of Mansfield, and Perry, Troy, Washington, and Mansfield Townships in Richland County and Troy and North Bloomfield Townships in Morrow County.

The District currently operates 5 instructional facilities. The District employs 107 non-certified and 145 certified employees to provide services to approximately 2,410 students in grades K through 12 and various community groups.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As discussed in Note 2.B., these financial statements are presented on the cash basis of accounting. The cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. In cases where these cash basis statements contain items that are the same as, or similar to, those items in financial statements prepared in conformity with GAAP, similar informative disclosures are provided.

A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units" and GASB Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34". The reporting entity is composed of the primary government and component units. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's Governing Board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; or (3) the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Certain organizations are also included as component units if the nature and significance of the relationship between the primary government and the organization is such that exclusion by the primary government would render the primary government's financial statements incomplete or misleading. Based upon the application of these criteria, the District has no component units. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the District (the primary government).

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
(Continued)**

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The following organizations are described due to their relationship to the District:

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Heartland Council of Governments/North Central Ohio Computer Cooperative (the "COG")

The COG is a jointly governed organization among 16 school districts, 1 educational service center and a career center. The COG is an association of public school districts within the boundaries of Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot counties. The COG was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. Each member school district supports the COG based on a per pupil charge dependent upon the software package utilized. The COG is governed by a Cooperative Assembly consisting of superintendents of the member school districts. The degree of control exercised by any school district is limited to its representation on the Cooperative Assembly. Financial information can be obtained from the treasurer for the Pioneer Career and Technology Center, who serves as fiscal agent, at 27 Ryan Road, Shelby, Ohio 44875-0309.

Pioneer Career and Technology Center (PCTC)

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center (a vocational school district), is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio. PCTC is operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school districts' elected boards, and possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to the Pioneer Career and Technology Center, Linda Schumacher, Treasurer at 27 Ryan Road, Shelby, Ohio 44875-0309.

INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

Ohio Association of School Business Officials Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio Association of School Business Officials Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the "GRP") was established through the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) as a group purchasing pool.

The Executive Director of the OASBO, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the GRP. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

B. Basis of Accounting

Although required by Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with GAAP, the District chooses to prepare its financial statements and notes on the cash basis of accounting. The cash basis of accounting is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than GAAP. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Budgetary presentations report budgetary cash disbursements when a commitment is made (i.e. when an encumbrance is approved). The difference between disbursements reported in the fund and entity wide statements and disbursements reported in the budgetary statements are due to current year encumbrances being added to disbursements reported on the budgetary statements. These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in the preceding paragraph.

C. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The following is the District's major governmental fund:

General fund -The general fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Other governmental funds of the District are used to account for (a) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets, (b) specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to an expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects and (c) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Proprietary funds are used to account for the District's ongoing activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector. The District has no enterprise funds. The following is a description of the District's internal service fund:

Internal Service Fund - The internal service fund is used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the district, or to other governments, on a cost-reimbursement basis. The only internal service fund of the District accounts for a self-insurance program which provides health and dental benefits to employees.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
(Continued)

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net cash position and changes in net cash position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the District's own programs. The District's only trust fund is a private-purpose trust which accounts for scholarship programs for students. Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The District's agency fund accounts for student activity.

D. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements - The statement of net position-cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. Internal service fund operating activity is eliminated to avoid overstatement of cash receipts and cash disbursements.

The government-wide statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. These disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Receipts which are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the District. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing on the cash basis or draws from the general receipts of the District.

Fund Financial Statements - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column, and all nonmajor funds are aggregated into one column. The internal service fund is presented in a single column on the face of the proprietary fund statements. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

E. Budgets

The District is required by State statute to adopt an annual appropriated cash basis budget for all funds (except agency funds). The specific timetable for fiscal year 2015 is as follows:

1. Prior to January 15, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing for all funds. Public hearings are publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.
2. By no later than January 20, the Board-adopted budget is filed with the Richland County Budget Commission for tax rate determination.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

3. Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and receives the Commission's certificate of estimated resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to July 1, the District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as a basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year as reported by the District Treasurer. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The budget figures, as shown in the accompanying budgetary statement, reflect the amounts set forth in the original and final amended certificate of estimated resources issued for fiscal year 2015.
4. By July 1, the annual appropriation resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund level of expenditures, which is the legal level of budgetary control. Although the legal level of budgetary control was established at the fund level of expenditures, the District has elected to present budgetary statement comparisons at the fund and function level of expenditures. State statute permits a temporary appropriation to be effective until no later than October 1 of each year. Resolution appropriations by fund must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission and the total of expenditures may not exceed the appropriation totals.
5. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriation must be approved by the Board of Education.
6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds consistent with statutory provisions.
7. Appropriations amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Education through the year by supplemental appropriations, which either reallocated or increased the original, appropriated amounts. All supplemental appropriations were legally enacted by the Board during fiscal year 2015.
8. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be re-appropriated. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level.

F. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the District (other than cash in segregated accounts) is pooled in a central bank account. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the basic financial statements.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earning are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund or the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2015 amounted to \$10,360, which includes \$522 assigned from other District funds.

At June 30, 2015, the District had no investments. All cash was maintained in demand deposit accounts. See Note 4 for more detail.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

G. Capital Assets

Acquisition of property, plant, and equipment purchased are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements under the cash basis of accounting. Depreciation has not been reported for any capital assets.

H. Unpaid Vacation and Sick Leave

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the cash basis of accounting.

I. Long-Term Obligations

Lease purchase agreements and other long-term obligations are not recognized as a liability in the financial statements under the cash basis of accounting. These statements report proceeds of debt when cash is received, and debt service disbursements for debt principal payments.

J. Fund Cash Balance

The District reports classifications of fund cash balance based on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. The following categories may be used:

Nonspendable - amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally required to be maintained intact.

Restricted - amounts that have constraints placed on the use of resources that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority, the Board of Education.

Assigned - amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed. Assigned amounts include those approved through the District's formal purchasing procedure by the Treasurer. Through the District's purchasing policy, the Board of Education has given the Treasurer the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes. The Board of Education may also assign fund balances as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget.

Unassigned - residual fund balance within the general fund that is in spendable form that is not restricted, committed, or assigned.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The District applies restricted resources first when a disbursement is incurred for purposes for which restricted and unrestricted fund cash balance is available. The District considers committed, assigned, and unassigned fund cash balances, respectively, to be spent when disbursements are incurred for purposes for which any of the unrestricted fund cash balance classifications could be used.

K. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal year 2015.

L. Net Cash Position

Net cash position is reported as restricted when enabling legislation or creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments have imposed limitations on its use.

The District first applies restricted resources when a disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net cash position is available.

M. Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund loans are reported as advances-in and advances-out. Advances are not reflected as assets and liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. Interfund transfers and advances are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the basic financial statements. Interfund activity between governmental funds are eliminated on the statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis.

N. Parochial Schools

Within the District boundaries, Grace Christian is operated by Grace Brethren Church. Current State legislation provides funding to this parochial school. These monies are received and disbursed on behalf of the parochial school by the Treasurer of the District, as directed by the parochial school. The receipt and disbursements of these State monies by the District are reflected as special revenue funds for financial reporting purposes.

O. Budget Stabilization Arrangement

The District has established a budget stabilization reserve in accordance with authority established by State law. Additions to the stabilization reserve can only be made by formal resolution of the Board of Education. Expenditures out of the budget stabilization reserve can only be made for future general fund shortfall. At June 30, 2015, the balance in the budget stabilization reserve was \$87,929. This amount is included in unassigned fund balance of the general fund and in unrestricted net position on the statement of net position.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

P. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension systems report investments at fair value.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2015, the District has implemented GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27", GASB Statement No. 69 "Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations", and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68".

GASB Statement No. 68 improves the accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for pensions that is provided by other entities. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 effected the District's pension plan disclosures, as presented in Note 11 to the financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 69 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards related to government combinations and disposals of government operations. The Statement improves the decision usefulness of financial reporting by requiring that disclosures be made by governments about combination arrangements in which they engage and for disposals of government operations. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 69 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 71 improves the accounting and financial reporting by addressing an issue in GASB Statement No. 68, concerning transition provisions related to certain pension contributions made to defined benefit pension plans prior to implementation of that Statement by employers and nonemployer contributing entities. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

B. Compliance

Ohio Administrative Code, Section 117-2-03(B), requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the District prepared its financial statements on a cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, net position/fund balances, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the District.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the District into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the District treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board of Education has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Interim monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items (1) and (2) above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
7. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and,
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Protection of the District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the Treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

A. Cash on Hand

At fiscal year end, the District had \$100 in undeposited cash on hand which is included on the financial statements of the District as part of "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents".

B. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2015, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$7,981,883. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2015, \$412,433 of the District's bank balance of \$8,067,598 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$7,655,165 was covered by the FDIC.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the District. The District has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions' trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

C. Reconciliation of Deposits and Cash on Hand to the Statement of Net Position

The following is a reconciliation of deposits and cash on hand as reported in the note above to cash as reported on the statement of net position as of June 30, 2015:

<u>Deposits and cash on hand</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 7,981,883
Cash on hand	<u>100</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,981,983</u>

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

<u>Cash per statement of net position</u>	
Governmental funds	\$ 7,898,670
Private-purpose trust fund	15,536
Agency fund	<u>67,777</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,981,983</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund advances for the year ended June 30, 2015, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund statements:

<u>Advances to nonmajor governmental funds from:</u>	
General fund	\$ 2,900
 <u>Advances to the general fund from:</u>	
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>12,500</u>
Total	<u>\$ 15,400</u>

The primary purpose of the interfund advances is to cover costs in specific funds where revenues were not received by June 30. The purpose of the interfund advance made to the general fund is to repay advances made in the prior fiscal year from the general fund.

Interfund advances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis while the District fiscal year runs from July through June. First half tax collections are received by the District in the second half of the fiscal year. Second half tax distributions occur in the first half of the following fiscal year.

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property and public utility property. Real property tax revenues received in calendar year 2015 represent the collection of calendar year 2014 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2015 were levied after April 1, 2014, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2014, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established. Public utility property tax revenues received in calendar year 2015 represent the collection of calendar year 2014 taxes. Public utility real and personal property taxes received in calendar year 2015 became a lien on December 31, 2013, were levied after April 1, 2014, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

The District receives property taxes from Richland and Morrow Counties. The County Auditors periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2015, are available to finance fiscal year 2015 operations. The amount of second-half real property taxes available for advance at fiscal year-end can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2015 taxes were collected are:

	2014 Second Half Collections		2015 First Half Collections	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/residential and other real estate	\$ 330,147,180	97.37	\$ 331,490,820	97.23
Public utility personal	<u>8,902,640</u>	<u>2.63</u>	<u>9,433,560</u>	<u>2.77</u>
Total	<u>\$ 339,049,820</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 340,924,380</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$48.50		\$48.40	

NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The table that follows summarizes the changes in the District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2015.

	<u>Balance 6/30/2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2015</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Governmental Activities:					
Capital Lease Obligation	-	2,913	(592)	2,321	622
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,913</u>	<u>\$ (592)</u>	<u>\$ 2,321</u>	<u>\$ 622</u>

Capital Lease Obligations - See Note 8 for details.

Legal Debt Margin: The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The code additionally states that unvoted indebtedness related to energy conservation debt shall not exceed 9/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The assessed valuation used in determining the District's legal debt margin has been modified by House Bill 530 which became effective March 30, 2006. In accordance with House Bill 530, the assessed valuation used in the District's legal debt margin calculation excluded tangible personal property used in business, telephone or telegraph property, interexchange telecommunications company property, and personal property owned or leased by a railroad company and used in railroad operations. The effects of these debt limitations at June 30, 2015, are a voted debt margin of \$30,685,120 and an unvoted debt margin of \$340,924.

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NOTE 8 – CAPITAL LEASE - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

In the current fiscal year, the District entered into a capital lease agreement for the acquisition of copier equipment. The lease meets the criteria of a capital lease which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee at the conclusion of the lease term. Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the basic financial statements. These expenditures are reflected as program/function expenditures on a budgetary basis.

Principal and interest payments in the 2015 fiscal year totaled \$592 and \$140, respectively. These amounts are reported as debt service payments of the general fund.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital lease agreement and the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2015:

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$ 732
2017	732
2018	732
2019	<u>366</u>
Total minimum lease payment	2,562
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(241)</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 2,321</u>

NOTE 9 - OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn five to twenty days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated unused vacation time is paid to classified employees upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

Each employee earns sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Upon retirement, payment is made for forty percent of the total sick leave accumulation, up to a maximum accumulation of 250 days for both certificated and classified employees. An employee receiving such payment must meet the retirement provisions set by State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio and School Employees Retirement System.

B. Life Insurance

The District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through OneAmerica.

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NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Comprehensive

The District maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for liability, real property, building contents and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. In addition, real property contents are fully insured.

The District had the following coverages in effect for fiscal year 2015:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Limits of Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
General liability:		
Each occurrence	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -
Aggregate	8,000,000	-
Fleet:		
Comprehensive	6,000,000	1,000 buses / 250 other
Collision	1,000,000	1,000 buses / 500 other
Building and contents	70,230,065	1,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the previous year.

B. Self Insurance

Medical/surgical and dental insurance is offered to employees through a self-insurance internal service fund. Monthly premiums are paid into the District's self-insurance fund. A third party administrator processes claims and pays the claims on the District's behalf from the self-insurance fund.

A comparison of self-insurance fund cash and investments to the actuarially-measured liability as of June 30 follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash and Investments	\$ 611,967	\$ 1,191,671
Actuarial Liabilities	\$ 279,800	\$ 293,238

C. Workers' Compensation

The District participates in the Ohio Association of School Business Officials Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 2.A.). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. Participants of the GRP are placed in tiers according to their loss history. Participants with low loss histories are rewarded with greater savings than participants with higher loss histories. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the state based on the rate for its GRP tier rather than its individual rate. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. CompManagement, Inc. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

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NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS

Net Pension Liability

For fiscal year 2015, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions" and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68" were effective. These GASB pronouncements had no effect on beginning net position as reported June 30, 2014, as the net pension liability is not reported in the accompanying financial statements. The net pension liability has been disclosed below.

Pensions are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period.

The net pension liability represents the District's proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the District's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The District cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the District does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension.

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Plan Description - The District non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

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NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire on or after August 1, 2017
Full benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 57 with 30 years of service credit
Actuarially reduced benefits	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 60 with 25 years of service credit

* Members with 25 years of service credit as of August 1, 2017, will be included in this plan.

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on year of service; 2.2 percent for the first thirty years of service and 2.5 percent for years of service credit over 30. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary.

One year after an effective benefit date, a benefit recipient is entitled to a three percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). This same COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 13.18 percent. The remaining 0.82 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$392,135 for fiscal year 2015.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio)

Plan Description - District licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by STRS Ohio. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS Ohio's fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at www.strsoh.org.

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NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation will be 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. With certain exceptions, the basic benefit is increased each year by two percent of the original base benefit. For members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, the first two percent is paid on the fifth anniversary of the retirement benefit. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five year of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 25 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Age and service requirements for retirement will increase effective August 1, 2015, and will continue to increase periodically until they reach age 60 with 35 years of service or age 65 with five year of service on August 1, 2026.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.5 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.5 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated among investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of services. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

New members who choose the DC plan or Combined Plan will have another opportunity to reselect a permanent plan during their fifth year of membership. Members may remain in the same plan or transfer to another STRS Ohio plan. The optional annuitization of a member's defined contribution account or the defined contribution portion of a member's Combined Plan account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS Ohio bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS Ohio has therefore included all three plan options as one defined benefit plan for GASB 68 reporting purposes.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. New members on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit that apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The statutory maximum employee contribution rate was increased one percent July 1, 2014, and will be increased one percent each year until it reaches 14 percent on July 1, 2016. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, plan members were required to contribute 12 percent of their annual covered salary. The District was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2015 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The District's contractually required contribution to STRS Ohio was \$1,275,917 for fiscal year 2015.

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NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	SERS	STRS Ohio	Total
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$5,565,772	\$20,687,955	\$26,253,727
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.109975%	0.0850535%	

Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

SERS' total pension liability was determined by their actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each defined benefit retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment termination). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2014, are presented below:

Wage inflation	3.25 percent
Future salary increases, including inflation	4.00 percent to 22 percent
COLA or ad hoc COLA	3 percent
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal

For post-retirement mortality, the table used in evaluating allowances to be paid is the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back one year for both men and women. Special mortality tables are used for the period after disability retirement.

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NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

The most recent experience study was completed June 30, 2010.

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' *Statement of Investment Policy*. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major assets class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	1.00 %	0.00 %
US Stocks	22.50	5.00
Non-US Stocks	22.50	5.50
Fixed Income	19.00	1.50
Private Equity	10.00	10.00
Real Assets	10.00	5.00
Multi-Asset Strategies	<u>15.00</u>	7.50
Total	<u><u>100.00 %</u></u>	

Discount Rate - The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.75 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.75 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease █ (6.75%)	Current █ Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase █ (8.75%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$7,940,703	\$5,565,772	\$3,568,250

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NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS Ohio

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75 percent
Projected salary increases	2.75 percent at age 70 to 12.25 percent at age 20
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA)	2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013, 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, 2 percent COLA paid on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022—Scale AA) for Males and Females. Males’ ages are set-back two years through age 89 and no set-back for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years, one year set back from age 80 through 89 and not set back from age 90 and above.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study, effective July 1, 2012.

The 10 year expected real rate of return on pension plan investments was determined by STRS Ohio’s investment consultant by developing best estimates of expected future real rates of return for each major asset class. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	31.00 %	8.00 %
International Equity	26.00	7.85
Alternatives	14.00	8.00
Fixed Income	18.00	3.75
Real Estate	10.00	6.75
Liquidity Reserves	<u>1.00</u>	3.00
Total	<u><u>100.00 %</u></u>	

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NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2014. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, STRS Ohio's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2014. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2014.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.75 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease █ (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate █ (7.75%)	1% Increase █ (8.75%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$29,617,063	\$20,687,955	\$13,136,934

NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The District participates in two cost-sharing, multiple employer postemployment benefit plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Health Care Plan and a Medicare Part B Plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Section 3309.69 of the Ohio Revised Code. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B monthly premium for calendar year 2014 (the latest information available) was \$104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$335.70 per month depending on their income and the SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the System based on authority granted by State statute. The financial reports of both Plans are included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is available by contacting SERS at 300 East Broad St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746. It is also posted on the SERS' Ohio website, www.ohsers.org, under "Employers/Audit Resources".

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NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). For 2015, 0.82 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2.0 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2015, the actuarially determined amount was \$20,450.

Active members do not contribute to the postemployment benefit plans. The Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

The District's contributions for health care (including surcharge) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$78,931, \$56,136 and \$47,774, respectively; 91.11% percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2015 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2015, this actuarially required allocation was 0.74 percent of covered payroll. The District's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$22,749, \$24,008 and \$22,799, respectively; 91.11% percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2015 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - The District contributes to the cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan (the "Plan") administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org, under "Publications" or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2015, STRS Ohio did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care Stabilization Fund.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

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NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – (Continued)

C. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The District participates in two cost-sharing, multiple employer postemployment benefit plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Health Care Plan and a Medicare Part B Plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Section 3309.69 of the Ohio Revised Code. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B monthly premium for calendar year 2015 was \$104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$335.70 per month depending on their income and the SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the System based on authority granted by State statute. The financial reports of both Plans are included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is available by contacting SERS at 300 East Broad St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746. It is also posted on the SERS' Ohio website, www.ohsers.org, under "Employers/Audit Resources".

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). For 2015, 0.14 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2.0 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2015, the actuarially determined amount was \$20,250.

Active members do not contribute to the postemployment benefit plans. The Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

The District's contributions for health care (including surcharge) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$79,570, \$56,136 and \$47,774, respectively; 91.33% percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2015 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2014, this actuarially required allocation was 0.76 percent of covered payroll. The District's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$23,326, \$24,008 and \$22,799, respectively; 91.33% percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2015 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

D. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - The District contributes to the cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan (the "Plan") administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org, under "Publications" or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2015, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The District did not have contributions for health care for the fiscal year 2015. Contributions for health care for fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 were \$89,324 and \$93,912, respectively; 100% percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

NOTE 13 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The District receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, State and local agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the District. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the District.

B. Litigation

The District is involved in a pending litigation. However, the materiality of the litigation was unknown at fiscal year end.

NOTE 14 - STATUTORY RESERVES

The District is required by State law to annually set-aside certain general fund revenue amounts, as defined by statutory formula, for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by the end of the fiscal year or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at fiscal year-end. This amount must be carried forward to be used for the same purpose in future years. Expenditures exceeding the set-aside requirement may not be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

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NOTE 14 - STATUTORY RESERVES - (Continued)

The following cash-basis information describes the change in the fiscal year-end set-aside amount for capital improvements. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	<u>Capital Improvements</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2014	\$ -
Current year set-aside requirement	411,391
Current year qualifying expenditures	(203,438)
Current year offsets	<u>(702,623)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (494,670)</u>
Balance carried forward to fiscal year 2016	<u>\$ -</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2015	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE 15 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While the District is reporting financial position, results of operations and changes in fund balances on the cash basis, the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The budgetary comparison schedule presented for the general fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budget basis and the cash basis is (1) outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as disbursements (budget) rather than assigned fund balance (cash) and (2) certain funds are included in the general fund on a cash-basis but budgeted as special revenue funds on a budget-basis.

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the cash basis statement to the budgetary basis statement for the general fund;

Net Change in Fund Cash Balance

Budget basis	\$ 2,620,216
Funds budgeted elsewhere **	7,207
Adjustment for encumbrances	<u>111,294</u>
Cash basis	<u>\$ 2,738,717</u>

** As part of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting", certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the general fund on a cash basis. This includes the other grants fund and the public school support fund.

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NOTE 16 - COMMITMENTS

The District utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reservations of fund balance for subsequent-year expenditures and may be reported as part of restricted, committed, or assigned classifications of fund balance. At year end, the District's commitments for encumbrances in the governmental funds were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year-End Encumbrances</u>
General fund	\$ 112,695
Other governmental	<u>2,786</u>
Total	<u>\$ 115,481</u>

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SCHEDULES OF SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS*

	2015	2014
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.10997500%	0.10997500%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 5,565,772	\$ 6,539,860
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,152,207	\$ 3,195,664
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	176.57%	204.65%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	71.70%	65.52%

* The amounts present each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30 of the previous fiscal year.

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was unavailable.

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SCHEDULES OF SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS*

	2015	2014
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.08505350%	0.08505350%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 20,687,955	\$ 24,643,356
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 9,113,693	\$ 8,690,114
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	227.00%	283.58%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	74.70%	69.30%

* The amounts present each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30 of the previous fiscal year.

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was unavailable.

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SCHEDULES OF SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 441,309	\$ 447,393
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(441,309)</u>	<u>(447,393)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,152,207	\$ 3,195,664
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was unavailable.

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SCHEDULES OF SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS

	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,275,917	\$ 1,216,616
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(1,275,917)	(1,216,616)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 9,113,693	\$ 8,690,114
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was unavailable.

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**NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

Information about factors that significantly affect trends in the amounts reported in the schedules should be presented as notes to the schedule.

Changes in benefit terms : There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2014 and 2015.

Changes in assumptions : There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2014 and 2015. See the notes to the basic financials for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

Changes in benefit terms : There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2014 and 2015.

Changes in assumptions : There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2014 and 2015. See the notes to the basic financials for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

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**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Passed Through Grantor</i> Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Expenditures
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>			
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
Non-Cash Assistance			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	\$ 48,412	\$ 48,412
Cash Assistance			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	27,136	27,136
National School Lunch Program	10.555	264,776	264,776
Special Milk Program for Children	10.556	667	667
Total Child Nutrition Cluster		<u>340,991</u>	<u>340,991</u>
Team Nutrition Grants	10.574	-	1,200
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		<u>340,991</u>	<u>342,191</u>
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u>			
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	269,660	261,116
Special Education Cluster:			
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	483,718	472,897
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	2,462	627
Total Special Education Cluster		<u>486,180</u>	<u>473,524</u>
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	46,311	46,311
ARRA-State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	84.395	27,110	29,979
Total U.S. Department of Education		<u>829,261</u>	<u>810,930</u>
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES		<u>\$ 1,170,252</u>	<u>\$ 1,153,121</u>

The Notes to the Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures Schedule are an integral part of this schedule.

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures (the Schedule) reports Lexington Local School District's (the District's) federal award programs' receipts and disbursements. The Schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

NOTE B - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

The District commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, the District assumes it expends federal monies first.

NOTE C – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

The District reports commodities consumed on the Schedule at fair market value. The District allocated donated food commodities to the respective program that benefitted from the use of those donated food commodities.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Lexington Local School District
Richland County
103 Clever Lane
Lexington, Ohio 44904

To the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lexington Local School District, Richland County, Ohio, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 16, 2016, wherein we noted the District uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the District's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2015-001.

Entity's Response to Finding

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 16, 2016



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Lexington Local School District
Richland County
103 Clever Lane
Lexington, Ohio 44904

To the Board of Education:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Lexington Local School District's, Richland County, Ohio, (the District's) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. The *Summary of Audit Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the District's major federal programs.

Management's Responsibility

The District's Management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the District's compliance for each of the District's major federal programs based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. These standards and OMB Circular A-133 require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on the District's major programs. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Lexington Local School District, Richland County, Ohio complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The District's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with federal program's applicable compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This report only describes the scope of our tests of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on OMB Circular A-133 requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 16, 2016

**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RICHLAND COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505
JUNE 30, 2015**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under § .510(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	<u>Special Education Cluster:</u> CFDA #84.027 – Special Education – Grants to States CFDA \$84.173 – Special Education – Preschool Grants <u>Child Nutrition Cluster:</u> CFDA #10.553 – School Breakfast Program CFDA #10.555 – National School Lunch Program CFDA #10.556 – Special Milk Program for Children
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	No

**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RICHLAND COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505
JUNE 30, 2015
(Continued)**

2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

Finding Number	2015-001
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**Material Noncompliance
GAAP Reporting**

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 provides that each public office shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The auditor of state may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the auditor of state has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office. Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38.

Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). For fiscal year 2015, the District prepared financial statements that, although formatted similar to financial statements prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, report on the basis of cash receipts and cash disbursements, rather than GAAP. The accompanying financial statements and notes omit certain assets, liabilities, fund equities, and disclosures, that while material, cannot be determined at this time. Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 the District may be fined and subject to various other administrative remedies for its failure to file the required financial report. Failure to report on a GAAP basis compromises the District's ability to evaluate and monitor the overall financial condition of the District.

We recommend the District prepare its financial statements on the GAAP basis of accounting.

Officials' Response:

The Lexington Local Board of Education recognizes the value in preparing accurate and timely financial statements to reflect the District's operations as of fiscal year end. Due to the cost requirement of preparing these financial statements according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the Board has determined that preparing year-end statements on a cash basis of accounting will accurately reflect the District's financial position and allow for those resources previously spent on GAAP to be allocated to educational purposes.

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

**LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RICHLAND COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 § .315(b)
JUNE 30, 2015**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2014-001	Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) – GAAP Reporting	No	Not corrected, repeated as finding 2015-001.

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LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

RICHLAND COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016